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**Dallas Library to host birthday celebration honoring Dean of Texas artists;
*Historian will discuss Frank Reaugh's impact on the Texas art scene***

Dallas, TX – The Dallas Public Library and the Frank Reaugh Art Club will celebrate the life of the influential Texas artist on Saturday, Dec. 29. Hosted by the Texas/Dallas History and Archives Division, the celebration will be held from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. in the O'Hara Exhibit Hall, 7th Floor of the Dallas Central Library, 1515 Young St.

Historian and author Robert Reitz will talk about Reaugh's career; efforts to maintain his tradition of Plein Air or outdoor sketching; Reaugh's longstanding relationship with the library; and the impact that Reaugh and his students have had on the Texas art scene. The birthday party will feature a unique exhibition, *Reaugh Remembered: Treasures from the Frank Reaugh Art Club and Other Texas Collections*, which will remain on view through Jan. 7.

The exhibit features a number of Reaugh's pastel sketches; a never-before-seen pencil sketch for the Dallas Museum of Art painting, *Driving the Herd*; a commercial painting done for the Armour & Co. meat packing company; and his unique, patented sketch easel.

Shortly after settling in Oak Cliff in 1890, Reaugh worked with civic and cultural leaders to create forums for the public display of art. When the Dallas Carnegie Library was built in 1901, Reaugh convinced officials to create an Art Room in the new public library. Reaugh began the art collection by donating his painting, *Scene on the Brazos*, which is on permanent display on the 7th floor of the Central Library.

The Dallas Public Library operates the J. Erik Jonsson Central Library, 1515 Young St., and 25 branch locations. A library card is free for any Dallas resident. For information on the many free programs and services available at the Dallas Public Library, visit: www.dallaslibrary.org.

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